THE NINTH DAY.

Wednesday, the 6th March 1929.

The Assembly met again at 11-30 A. M. on Wednesday, the 6th March 1929.

111. Needs of the Kottayam taluk.

MR. K. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Member, Kottayam taluk, Group II*) said that ginger formed one of the chief products of Ettumanur and the neighbouring *karas* in the Kottayam taluk. But the cultivation of ginger was not flourishing in recent years in the taluk. It was necessary to show to the people how it could be carried on successfully. An agricultural school and a demonstration farm should be opened at Ettumanur for the purpose.

A bund and a sluice should be provided in the Kattachira canal between Ettumanur and Meenachil. As the people were every year put to much trouble in putting up the bund, Government should undertake the work themselves.

The public tank at Ettumanur should be improved and arrangements made for its maintenance in good condition by the Sanitary Department. Given up both by the Land Revenue Department and by the Devaswom Department the tank was now in a very bad condition. Part of it was improved some time back at the instance of the Sanitary Commissioner. But such piecemeal improvements were of no avail.

A culvert should be put up at Oottankuzhi on the ryots' road from Ettumanur to Arumanur.

A foot-path should be opened along the sides of the hill on which the Ettumanur cutcherry was located, so as to provide an easy approach to the cutcherry.

The ryots' road from the 18th mile of the K. K. road to the Kayur market *via* Illampally temple should be taken over for departmental maintenance.

The road from Kallumada to Olessa should be made cartable. Olessa was the seat of a famous Ayurveda physician.

The foot-path from Aymanam to Thazhatangady should be made fit for traffic.

The Atirampuzha dispensary should be transferred from the present rented building to a Sirkar building, preferably the one in which the Anchal office was being held at present.

The Anchal office should be shifted from the present building to some building near the Police station.

Arrangements should be made with the Telegraph Department for opening a combined Post and Telegraph office at Ettumanur.

Arrangements might be made for transferring the Additional Munsif's Court at Kottayam to Ettumanur and for accommodating it in

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the old taluk office building, a large portion of which was now left unoccupied.

Instruction should be issued for providing a public latrine and for putting up street lights at Ettumanur.

An Ayurveda Vaidyasala should be established at Elankulam. This was a place at the northern extremity of the Akalakkunnam pakuthi. An Ayurveda hospital should be established at Ponkunnam.

A police out-post should be established at Elankulam.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Govinda Pillai, you have already heard what I had to say on the subject of a model farm and agricultural school at Kottayam or near-abouts.

As regards the construction of a bund and sluice in the Kattachira canal, I shall ask the Chief Engineer to report on the matter.

The items dealing with roads should come before the Road Boards to be constituted shortly.

The Administrative Board, Medical Services, has now taken up the question of a suitable building for the dispensary at Atirampuzha. If their recommendations are accepted provision will be made in the budget for 1105.

I shall ask the Anchal Superintendent to go into the question of the location of the Ettumanur Anchal office.

The question of the Additional Munsiff's Court there will call for consideration when the general redistribution of jurisdiction is taken up.

Now that you have brought to public notice prominently that a Vaidyasala is required at Elankulam, I have no doubt that qualified Ayurvedic practitioners will be attracted to the spot and if qualified practitioners establish a Vaidyasala there I shall consult the Department whether it will be possible to give a grant-in-aid.

The question of a Police outpost at Elankulam is waiting the re-allocation which a special officer is looking into. When orders on that general question are passed, this matter will be considered.

112. Needs of the Kunnatnad taluk.

MR. NARAYANA PILLAI KRISHNA PILLAI (*Member, Kunnatnad taluk, Group I*) dealt with the following needs of Kunnatnad:

The Perumpavur dispensary should be converted into a District Hospital and it should be accommodated in a sufficiently spacious building. The dispensary was established about fourteen years ago. Since then the number of patients attending it had risen considerably. It had therefore become necessary to convert it into a hospital, and as private buildings were seldom suitable for hospitals, new buildings had to be put up.

The dispensary at Kodanad, which had been established there tentatively, should be made a permanent institution. It was now over one year since a dispensary was established. It was a bi-weekly dispensary and was open only on Mondays and Thursdays. The medical

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